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RE: **Docket** No. 07-16

Ms. Dortch,

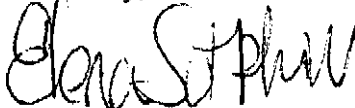
I am a teacher in Hillsborough County, Florida, one of the nation's largest school districts. I ~~specialize~~ in English as a ~~second~~ language for students who are coming from the fields of rural Hillsborough as well as some of the most poverty- ~~stricken~~ inner city neighborhoods.

I am writing in support of Docket No. 07-16 for the creation of a ~~fast~~ and free broadband service. According to the National Center for Education ~~Statistics~~, only 52% of Latino's ~~rate the quality of education~~ in their public schools as positive.

It may be no coincidence that the NCES ~~also~~ finds only 44% of Hispanic elementary students using the Internet compared to 59% of white ~~students~~. The number of students using the Internet from households that make \$20,000 a year or less also drops to 41%.

Affordable Internet service will level the playing field and provide a powerful educational tool for students who have limited resources. Please pass the Docket No. 07-16.

Sincerely,



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